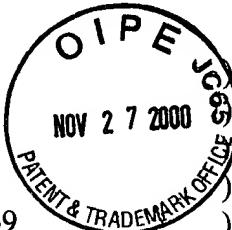


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AMENDMENT

Sir: In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2000, please amend the above identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 - 11.

Rewrite claims 12-23 as follows:

~~12.~~ (Amended) An apparatus for depositing into the interior of meat a seasoning ~~that has~~
been deposited on the outer surfaces of the meat, the apparatus comprising:

a rigid handle;

a rigid head attached to the handle;

a plurality of rigid, { roughened } prongs engaging the head for depositing the seasoning into the meat when forced downwardly into the meat;

at least one prong ridge on each of such prongs marking an abrupt change in the size of said prongs;

a sharpened prong tip at the distal end of each of such prongs.

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